

218 YHA Bristol Clifton Suspension Bridge

City, river and woodland walk

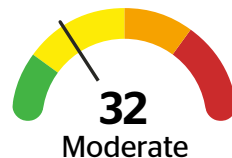
Distance: 8.4 miles (13.5km) **Ascent:** 197m (646ft)

Time: Allow 3h 30m to 5h 45m

Map: OS Explorer 1:25k (155) Bristol & Bath

Start/Finish: OS Locate ST 585 724 **what3words** ///retain.drain.glad

A pleasant route through docks, river gorge, woodland, city streets and parks. From the hostel turn left and follow the path around to Prince Street, cross the bridge, turn right onto Princes Wharf. Follow the waterside, turn left before Great Western Dockyard onto Gasferry Road and take the cut through on the right to Hanover Place. Turn left to Bristol Marina, turn left along the waterside and turn left at The Cottage Inn to Cumberland Road. Turn right, cross Cumberland Road and take the small road on the left by the traffic lights. Cross Ashton Avenue Bridge, turn right and follow the riverside path under the suspension bridge and along Avon Gorge. After the disused quarry turn left and follow paths through the woods to North Road. Turn left and follow the road around to Bridge Road, turn left to cross the suspension bridge. Turn left and follow paths around Observatory Hill to Clifton Down Road. Turn right, then left onto Boyce's Avenue, across Victoria Square, right onto The Fossway, ahead onto Birdcage Walk and left across the grass onto Constitution Hill. Follow around Cabot Tower onto Brandon Steep, left on to St George's Road and right onto College Street. Turn left to go around the Cathedral, cross Anchor Road, head right and around the science museum and cross the bridge to the hostel.



Hazards

Caution alongside and when crossing roads. Take care alongside water and cliff edges.

Accessibility

There are no stiles or narrow gates, but some paths have restrictions less than one metre wide. There are single steps and kerbs. Sections of rough ground with ruts or stones exceeding 10cm in the wood section.

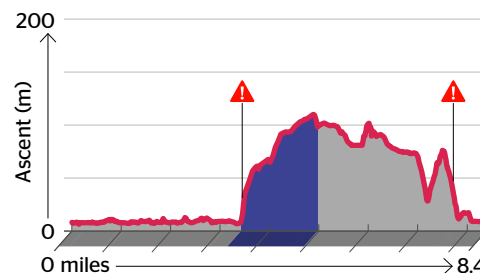
Navigation

Generally easy to navigate, mostly following obvious paths and roads. Extra attention required navigating through the woods.

Terrain

Mostly flat, pavements and roads. Woodland paths uneven and steep in places and may be muddy after rain.

● Paved ● Unpaved (uneven)



★ Points of interest (see map)

Lots to see and do including **1** M shed Bristol museum, **2** harbour railway, **3** Maritime Museum, **4** SS Great Britain, **5** Clifton Suspension Bridge, **6** Avon Gorge, **7** Observatory, **8** Cabot Tower, **9** City Hall, **10** Cathedral, **11** We the Curious science museum, **12** aquarium. Lots of interesting new and old buildings and industrial history.

🚻🚰🗑️ Facilities (too many pubs and cafés to map)

Toilets on route, many of the attractions also have toilets open to the public. Lots of food and drink options in the harbour, less on the city part of the route, none in the woods. Lots of seats in the harbour and city, some in the woods, none along Avon Gorge.

🪑 Seats on route (too many to map)

🚫🦽 **Not fully wheelchair accessible**

🦸 **Touch free route**

🦽 **Off road pushchair accessible**

🚫 **Stile free**

This route has been created by YHA to provide inspiration and to aid planning and preparation of your walk. It doesn't replace the need for an OS Map or the OS Maps App to navigate your walk safely. Digital maps are a guide and do not always reflect the conditions on the ground, ensure you are aware of your immediate surroundings.

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To make it easy for everyone to enjoy walking from YHA hostels, we have curated three walks – an easy, moderate, and more challenging option. They have all been graded – the higher the grade, the more challenging the route.

Before you go:

- Check the local weather forecast (metoffice.gov.uk).
- Check the tide times for coastal routes (tidetimes.org.uk).
- Get the right clothing, footwear and kit for the route and weather.
- Ensure you have enough time to complete the route before dark.
- Download the OS Locate and what3words apps to your phone.
- Contact 999 by SMS text (must pre register by texting 'register' to 999) (relayuk.bt.com/emergencysms).
- For further information on how to stay safe visit adventuresmart.uk

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Countryside Code

Respect everyone

- Be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside.
- Leave gates and property as you find them.
- Do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking.
- Be nice, say hello, share the space.
- Follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available.

Hazards

- Take extra care and stay alert where a right of way crosses a railway line.
- When walking on a road without a pavement keep to the right-hand side, so that you can see oncoming traffic. Keep close to the side of the road, and walk in single file if necessary. It may be safer to cross the road well before a sharp right-hand bend so that oncoming traffic has a better chance of seeing you. Cross back after the bend.
- Give wild animals, livestock and horses plenty of space.

Protect the environment

- Take your litter home – leave no trace of your visit.
- Do not light fires and only have BBQs where signs say you can.
- Always keep dogs under control and in sight.
- Dog poo – bag it and bin it – any public waste bin will do.
- Care for nature – do not cause damage or disturbance.

Enjoy the outdoors

- Check your route and local conditions.
- Plan your adventure – know what to expect and what you can do.
- Enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory.

What to wear

- Comfortable clothing suitable for the conditions.
- Use several layers, so you can add and remove clothing to regulate your temperature.
- Extra warm clothes in case it gets colder.
- Hat, gloves and scarf.
- Sun hat, sun cream and sunglasses.
- Waterproof jacket and trousers.
- Cushioning comfy socks.
- Comfortable well fitting trainers, walking shoes or boots.

Kit

- Map and compass.
- Water, lunch and snacks.
- Charged mobile phone and portable charger.
- First aid kit.
- Torch and spare batteries.
- Rucksack, with waterproof cover or a dry bag or plastic bag inside.
- Medicines or toiletries you would usually use.

You might also want to take

- Picnic blanket.
- Waterproof baseball cap, if you wear glasses.
- Walking poles.
- Tissues and hand sanitiser.